

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL 5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE MILLINGTON TN 38055-0000

5720 PERS 00J6/20180132 December 20, 2017

Ms. Deborah L. Carta 842 Thicket Court Odenton, MD 21113

Dear Ms. Carta:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request confirmation that Martin B. Blankfard is currently in the U.S. Navy Reserves as a contractor. Your request was received in this office (PERS-00J) on December 20, 2017, and has been assigned correspondence number CNPC20180132 by this command.

A check of the Navy Electronic Military Personnel System (EMPRS) does not reflect a U.S. Navy military personnel record for Martin B. Blankfard. As such, we are unable to confirm that Martin B. Blankfard is currently in the U.S. Naval Reserves. Full-time contractors are not considered military personnel, but work for private companies as part of Department of Defense (DOD) contracts. We do not maintain a database for DOD contract personnel.

If you believe an adequate search of this command's records was not conducted, you have the right to appeal this "No Records" determination, in writing, to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

Should you believe the submission of an appeal necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter in order to be considered. Please attach a copy of this letter and the original request. Include a statement regarding why you believe this command may possess records responsive to your request. Please mark both the envelope and your appeal letter "FOIA/PA APPEAL."

No assessable FOIA fees were associated with the processing of your request. I am the official responsible for this "No Records" response regarding records maintained

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by this command. Should you wish to discuss this matter, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or at (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). Their website is below: https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information.

Sincerely,

D. P. GERMAN FOIA/PA Officer By direction